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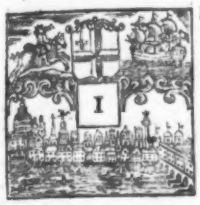

Have lately receiv'd a Letter, which was founded on the Execution of the *Three unhappy Highlanders*, and in which their heroick Spirit is describ'd in an affecting Manner: For many Reasons I must lay aside this Epistle, though there are many just Remarks run through it.——The general Subject is, With what different Passions Men can depart out of Life; some with the greatest Composure, others, to their last Gasp, are dismal Objects of Rage and Despair.

Another Correspondent has wrote on a Subject which has been often consider'd in these Papers, that is, of the Horror of Self-Murder, but is not charitable enough to allow, that Self-Murder is Madness.

As both Writers are strenuous of my Opinion, I shall give it with some Observations, from two Scenes *Dryden* has, on this Occasion, finely work'd up.

Don Sebastian, King of *Portugal*, was so unhappy as to lose a pitch'd Battle with *Muly Moluch*, King of *Barbary*, and to be taken Prisoner: However, his Friends found Means to put him in a mean Habit, to preserve his not being known. They, and other Prisoners, are brought on the Stage before the Emperor, to have it decided, by Lots, who shall die and who shall live: They who drew a black Ball were to submit to instant Death. On this Occasion the Poet, with admirable Judgment, shews how Life and Death are judg'd of by different Men.— In his Directions for the Action on the Stage he orders. [*Here is an Urn brought in; the Prisoners approach with great Concernment; among the rest* Sebastian, Alvarez, *and* Antonio, *come up more cheerfully.*]

The first who approach, and draw trembling, *Dorax*, a Renegade Christian, who had deserted *Sebastian*, and who knew them all, comments on them as they come up: Thus he says of them who shew'd the Signs of Fear:

Dorax. Poor abject Creatures! how they fear to die!
These never new one happy Hour in Life;
Yet *shake* to lay it down.——Is Load so pleasant?
Or has Heaven hid the Happiness of Death,
That Men may dare to live?

The Reader must observe, that he sees the Sentiments of a fierce Renegade, who has given up all Pretences to Religion: However, this Reflection is very pretty;

These never knew one happy Hour of Life,
Yet shake to lay it down.

But as soon as he sees *Alonzo*, *Alvarez*, and *Sebastian* approach, he justly crys;

O these come up with Spirits more resolv'd!

Through this Scene *Dorax* draws the Characters of the Prisoners, and judges thence how they may meet Death: The Pictures are so fine that I cannot omit them.

Dorax. Old venerable *Alvarez!* well I know him,
The Favourite once of this *Sebastian's* Father:
Now Minister; (too honest for his Trade.)
RELIGION bears him out; a Thing taught young,
In Age ill practis'd;— yet his *Prop* in *Death*,
O he has drawn a *Black*, and smiles upon't!
As who shou'd say—My Faith and Soul are white,
Tho' my Lot swarthy.—Now, *if* there be *Hereafter*,
He's *bless'd*; if not, well cheated, and dies pleas'd.

All this Passage is a fine Description of a good Man, and the Effects of Virtue and Religion: But it is observable the Poet keeps up his Character so far, as to make him raise a *Doubt* that shudder'd his Reason. I would advise some of the wittiest Libertines at ——'s Coffee-house to read and consider of the last Line and half, before they talk any more of *a Leap in the Dark.*

The next Character is that of a young gay Courtier, who has pass'd for a Wit, for having wrote a Sonnet or two on the Ladies: As for Death he never thought any Thing of it: *Dorax*, after this *Antonio* has drawn his Lot, and holds it clench'd in his Hand, afraid to look at it, thus describes him:

There's the amorous airy Spark, *Antonio*,
The wittiest Woman's Fop in *Portugal*.
Lord! what a Loss of Treats and Serenades!
The whole She-Nation will be in Mourning for him.

The Poet has drawn *Antonio* as a Man of Gallantry, who puts on an awkward Jesting when he is in the utmost Fear: As soon as he sees his Ball black, he hangs his Head and walks off: On this *Dorax* justly observes, with a sneering Satire,

He looks uneasy at his future Journey,
And wishes his Boots off again, for fear
Of a bad Road and a worse Inn at Night.
Go to Bed, Fool, and take secure Repose,
For thou shall't wake no more.

Sebastian afterwards drawing a black Lot twice, by which he was devoted to an ignominious Death, thus shews a Spirit worthy a King:

Then there's no more to manage! If I fall
It shall be like myself: A setting Sun
Should leave some Track of Glory in the Sky.
Behold *Sebastian*, King of *Portugal!* [*discovers himself.*
Here satiate all your Fury.
Let Fortune empty her whole Quiver on me.
I have a Soul, that, like an ample Shield,
Can take in all, and Verge enough for more.
Fate was not mine;
Nor am I Fate's:
I beg no Pity for this mould'ring Clay!
For if you give it Burial, there it takes
Possession of your Earth:
If burnt and scatter'd in the Air, the Winds
That strow my Dust, diffuse my Royalty,
And spread me o'er your Clime; for where one Atom
Of mine shall light, know there *Sebastian* reigns.

In some of these Lines there may appear a romantic Bombast, but every Sentiment is finely and justly adapted to the Passions of so great a Man. From his Distress, his Soul is affected with Grief and Indignation alternately, therefore his Reflections should be, now smooth, and immediately after violent. I always thought there could be no finer Lesson for Princes, than

——A setting Sun
Should leave some Track of Glory in the Sky.

By this noble Spirit he works on the *Emperor's* Passions, and is not to be executed, but reserv'd for various and surprizing Changes of Fate, which rise one quickly after the other, quite through the Play.

I must here observe, that throughout the Play, he has the most violent Passions to agitate his Human Frame: As a Prisoner, *Despair*; Love disappointed by a Tyrant's Power; a Quarrel with a Man who had sav'd his Life. In Contrast to this, the Story of *Sebastian* seems to turn out happy by the Death of the Tyrant. He is marry'd secretly to his Love, and she is his Bridal Spouse.——Here his Passions must be turn'd to another Excess: Great Joy as well as great Grief is often too much for Human Nature to support.

After this happy Scene an unhappy one opens; an Incident arises, by which it appears, that *Sebastian* and *Almeyda* are Brother and Sister: What a shocking Thing to be disclos'd between two Lovers! but now more so, when they lov'd like these!

Here all the Passions, Love, Fear, Doubt, Revenge and Despair, have their different Scopes to take: Let us see how the Art and Judgment of Mr. *Dryden* knew; on so critical Occasion, to conduct his Hero.

On the fatal undoubted Discovery, he is describ'd in the Poet's Marginal Directions.

[Sebastian *stands amaz'd; without Motion; his Eyes fix'd upwards.*] *Here his Thought is calm, sensible and regular.*

Look to the Queen, my Wife, for I am past
All Pow'r of Aid to her, or to myself.

Here *Sebastian* was all unnerv'd; his Spirits were all as if they were flying from his Body, and his Human Frame going to be dissolv'd: In this State Reason is not fled.——But after a short Pause, he starts out with *Amazement.*

I will not live, no not a Moment more;
I wou'd not add one Moment more to Incest:
I'll *cut it off*——and end a wretched Being.
For should I live, my Soul's so little mine,
And so much, that I should still enjoy.
Ye cruel Powers!
Take me as you have made me, miserable.
You cannot make me guilty: 'Twas my Fate,
And you made *that*, not I.——

[*Draws his Sword*; Antonio *and* Alvarez *lay hold of him, and* Dorax *wrests his Sword from him.*]

Then his old Friend argues he is not guilty of so deep a Crime as he forms to himself, for that he had committed it unknown; but now his Passions were rais'd to too great a Height at once to hear Reason.

Seb. By Heav'ns you're Traitors all that hold my Hands!
Stand off and let me take my Fill of Death:
For I can hold my Breath in your Despite,
And swell my heaving Soul out when I please.
Alva. Heav'n comfort you.

[*On this he turns to* Alonzo, *and says coolly of him.*

Alonzo's silent: He's a Man.
He knows that Men abandon'd of their Hopes
Should ask no Leave, nor stay for suing out
A tedious Writ of Ease from ling'ring Heav'n,
But help themselves as timely as they could,
And teach the Fates their Duty.

These were the Arguments of the Libertines and Deists of the Poets; and, in Fact, all *Hobbs's Leviathan* is compriz'd in them. It is now worth the closest Attention to observe with what Judgment of of the Passion Mr. *Dryden* conducts this Scene, which surprizes throughout,

Dorax, on *Sebastian's* last Exclamation, forces him from *Alvarez* and *Antonio*; on which *Alvarez* sighs out

——Infernal Fiend! Is this a Subject's Part?

Dorax. 'Tis a Friend's Office.
He has convinced me that he ought to die;
And, rather than he should not, here's my Sword
To help him on his Journey.

Sebast. My last, my only Friend, how kind art thou!
And how inhuman these!

Doran. To make the Trifle *Death* a Thing of Moment!

Sebaſt. And not weigh the important Cauſe I had
To rid myſelf of Life!
True——true, for a Crime——
So horrid in the Face of Men and Angels
As *wilful* Inceſt.

Seb. Not wilful neither.

Dor. Yes, *if* you liv'd, and with repeated Acts
Refreſh'd your Sin, and loaded Crimes with Crimes
To ſwell your Stores of Guilt.

Seb. True, *if* I liv'd.

Dor. I ſaid ſo, *if* you liv'd.

Seb. For hitherto was fatal Ignorance,
And no intended Crime.

Dor. That you beſt know: The World will judge the worſt.

Alva. O what a Sophiſter has Hell procur'd,
To argue for Damnation!

Dor. His only Way to rectify Miſtakes,
And to redeem *Almeyda's* Honour, is to *die.*

As the Scene and Remarks exceed the Boundaries of this Paper they will make part of the next.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Baſtia, July 18. The Malecontents of this Iſland held their General Aſſembly the 14th Inſtant, and deliberated on the Propoſitions made by the new Commiſſary General in the Name of the Republick of Genoa: The Aſſembly had as happy an Iſſue as could be deſir'd; they accepted the Articles, and nam'd the Deputies that are to come hither to put the finiſhing Hand to this great Work. Theſe are the Conditions granted to the Corſicans by the Republick.

1. Liberty to carry Fire-Arms, upon Condition that every private Perſon do get Leave in Writing to do ſo.

2. The annual Tribute to the Republick is fix'd on the ſame Footing as in the Year 1727.

3. There ſhall be four Governors in the Kingdom, Natives of Corſica.

4. No Tax extraordinary ſhall be levied in the Kingdom without the People's Conſent.

5. The Corſican Nobleſſe ſhall hold the ſame Rank in the Iſland as the Genoeſe Nobleſſe do in the Republick.

6. There ſhall be a general Amneſty for all that has paſs'd from the Year 1729 to this Day.

7. The Biſhoprick of Aleria becoming vacant, the Republick promiſes to make uſe of her Intereſt to prevail with the Pope not to diſpoſe of it but in favour of Natives of Corſica.

By this Regulation the Iſland of Corſica begins to enjoy again that Tranquility which it has been depriv'd of ſince the Year 1729.

Naples, July 31. The Advices which the Court has receiv'd this Week from Reggio in Calabria, import, that in the Space of eight Days upwards of twenty Perſons have died in the Village of San Giovanni, all of the ſame Diſtemper: It was immediately given out that this was only a malignant Fever; but the Precautions taken at the ſame Time have given the People to underſtand, that if the Government does not own it to be the Plague, it is not done with a Deſign to impoſe upon them, but to prevent their being frighten'd too much. Count Mahoni, an Iriſhman, Lieutenant-General of the King's Armies, has been ſent for to Court, and receiv'd Orders to repair to Calabria, where he is to take whatever Meaſures he ſhall judge neceſſary for preſerving the other Provinces of the Kingdom from the Peſtilence: For this Purpoſe his Majeſty has given him an unlimitted Power, both by Sea and Land. Six thouſand Foot and 2000 Horſe are to form a Line under this General's Command, in order to cut off all Communication between Calabria and the reſt of the Kingdom. The Captains and Maſters of Gallies, Tartans, and other Veſſels on the Coaſt, have receiv'd Orders to execute punctually whatever Count Mahoni ſhall command them to do. But as it is not expedient that this Metropolis ſhould be famiſh'd by the Care taken againſt the Plague, the Government has taken an exact Account of all the Corn and other Proviſions here and in the adjacent Towns and Villages, and contracted with divers Perſons for bringing Neceſſaries from other Parts. The Nobleſſe judging it neceſſary to provide againſt Extremities, have laid up as much Proviſions as poſſible on their Eſtates, and ſent thither Phyſicians and Surgeons, that they may not be deſtitute of Aſſiſtance in caſe they ſhould be oblig'd to go and live there. All publick Diverſions are laid aſide, and the People employ'd in nothing but Acts of Penance and Devotion.

Florence, July 23. By the late Accounts which this Government has receiv'd of the Plague at Meſſina, the Violence of it began to abate, and ſome of the few Inhabitants that were left alive had recover'd. This is attributed to their being now attended with Care, and ſupply'd with Neceſſaries, of which, till lately, there was a total Want; ſo that a very conſiderable Number is ſuppos'd to have died of Famine. M. Grimaud, the Governor of the Town, writes Word, that only 50 Men of his Garriſon remained, which conſiſted of 1500; and that he had caus'd a Party to go through the Streets, beating their Drums, to engage the Inhabitants to ſhew themſelves at their Windows, but that very few appear'd; that he had caus'd ſome of the Houſes to be broke open, where whole Families were found dead; from all which it was conjectur'd, that there were not above 4 or 5000 remaining in the Town.

Bologna, Aug. 6. The Duke of Arcos, Grandee of Spain, and Camp Marſhal of his Catholick Majeſty's Armies, died on the 1ſt Inſtant of the Wound which he receiv'd at the Battle of Campo Santo, in the 25th Year of his Age.

Venice, Aug. 10. The laſt Letters from Conſtantinople bring a Confirmation of Schah Nadir's Progreſs in Turcomania; and add, that the Schah, in order to ſtrike Terror into the People, gave up the City of Kars, which his Troops took by Storm, to be plunder'd by the Soldiers, who found a very great Booty there; part of the Garriſon was put to the Sword, and the reſt ſent away to the remoteſt Parts of Perſia. According to the ſame Advices, Schah Nadir continu'd his March afterwards towards Bagdad, in order to lay Siege to it. The Ferment occaſion'd by this News had like to have prov'd fatal to the Grand Vizir; ſome of the Seditious plotted againſt his Life, but he was appriz'd of it time enough to fruſtrate their Deſign: Having miſcarried in this, they then endeavour'd to raiſe a general Revolt in order to depoſe the Grand Signor, but were not more ſucceſsful than in the other Attempt: The Janiſſaries having receiv'd ſome Liberalities from the Grand Signor, diſcover'd the Place where the Seditious aſſembled, and apprehended about 100 of them, who were almoſt all put to Death.

Petersbourg, July 30. Col. Romanzow ſets out this Day on his Return to Abo. We are aſſur'd that the Veldt-Marſhal Lacy, and the other Generals, have receiv'd Orders not to withdraw the Troops from Finland until the defenſive Treaty with Sweden be ſign'd.

Stockholm, Aug. 6. We are aſſur'd that the Count de Teſſin, the King's Embaſſador at the Daniſh Court, is charg'd to propoſe a Match between the new Succeſſor and the King of Denmark's Daughter, in order to eſtabliſh a more ſolid Friendſhip between the Northern Crowns.

Stockholm, Aug. 2. Laſt Saturday, being the Day appointed for General Count Lewenhaupt's Execution, ſeveral Detachments of the Horſe and Foot Guards were poſted round the Scaffold, as is uſual on ſuch Occaſions. The Executioner was likewiſe there; but when the Detachment, ordered to conduct the ſaid General to the Place of Execution, came to receive him, they were told he had, the ſame Morning, made his Eſcape through a Hole that had been cut under his Bed, and led into an Apartment which belongs to Major General Wrangel, the Colonel of the Guards. He was out of Town, but a Perſon with whom he always leaves the Keys, and who is gone off with General Lewenhaupt, was perſuaded to come into this Contrivance, in order to ſave the condemn'd General. This Affair raiſes a great and general Murmering here. Two Nights before General Lewenhaupt made his Eſcape he was allow'd to be without a Guard in his Room. The Dyet immediately order'd a Proclamation forbidding any Body to give him Shelter, and offering a Reward of 10,000 Copper Dollars for apprehending him. Perſons have been ſent every where to ſearch for him, and Ships are order'd to cruize to prevent his getting out of the Kingdom. It is believ'd his Eſcape will occaſion much more Blood to be ſpill'd than otherwiſe would have happen'd, becauſe it is now reſolv'd to proſecute, to the utmoſt, all who were confin'd, or impeach'd, on this Affair of abandoning Finland.

There have been great Debates in the Dyet as to this Point, *Whether the Succeſſor to the Throne ſhould or ſhould not be allowed a Seat in the Senate.* Count Henning Gyllenbourg, and Major Wreede inſiſted, That it would be needleſs, 'till ſuch Time as he could be inſtructed in the Swediſh Language, in the fundamental Laws of the Kingdom, and in its Maxims of Government: But to this it was anſwer'd, with great Warmth, That the beſt Method of inſtructing a young Prince, and the moſt natural, in the Language, Laws, and Policy of the Nation, was to introduce him into the Senate; where he would hear the Swediſh Tongue correctly ſpoken, the Conſtitution truly ſtated, and the beſt Maxims of State laid down. After a long Debate, the Point was at length referr'd to be conſider'd by a Committee. The Clergy have attempted to get a Time fix'd for diſſolving the Dyet; but the Motion was poſtpon'd. The Peaſants, on the other Hand, ſent up a Remonſtrance, importing their Deſire that the Dyet ſhould proceed to a cloſe Examination of what paſs'd in the Dyets of 1738 and 1740, in order to confirm what was done upon juſt Motives, and to reſcind whatever was the Effect of Prejudice or Party-Spite, as the ſole Means of re-eſtabliſhing the ſo long diſturb'd Peace of the Publick.

We have, beſides theſe Sources of Domeſtick Diſquiet, a Foreign Object which gives us no ſmall Concern. Count Teſſin has ſent ſome Diſpatches from Denmark, which have occaſion'd holding ſeveral Councils conſecutively; and as Count Gyllenbourg, who is look'd on here as Prime Miniſter, has invited all the Miniſters reſident here from Foreign Courts to Conferences, we more than ſuſpect that theſe Letters relate to a War; and that, after all, the mighty Fleet in the Road of Copenhagen, is deſign'd to make a Deſcent upon our Coaſts. However it be, the Expreſs is ſent back again to his Excellency with the Reſolution of this Court; and Orders are iſſued for compleating the Regiments, and putting the Forces of this Kingdom on ſuch a Foot, as may hinder our dreading any longer the moſt powerful of our Neighbours.

Hambourg, Aug. 16. We hear from Copenhagen, that three Frigates are gone out to cruize in the Baltick; that all the Fleet was preparing to do the ſame; and that they work Night and Day in the King's Yards and Docks in building ſeveral Barks, Sloops, &c. They add, that all the Regiments have receiv'd the laſt Orders to hold themſelves in readineſs to march; and that Baron Hopken, Secretary to Count Teſſin, the Swediſh Embaſſador at the Daniſh Court, was ſet out Poſt for Stockholm.

Fribourg, Aug. 15. Prince Charles of Lorrain's Army having reſum'd their March the 11th of this Inſtant from Wildſtaten and Kippenheim, enter'd Briſgau the ſame Day, and kept coaſting along the Rhine: This Day they arrive at Munzingen above Old Briſach. The French Army keep in ſight of them on the other Side of the River. As Prince Charles appears reſolv'd to croſs over at any Rate, and the French ſeem diſpos'd to prevent it by all Means, we expect to hear of an Action.

We heard the Noiſe of great Guns all laſt Night; hence we judge that the Auſtrians have attempted to ſeize upon ſome Poſt in the Iſlands in the Rhine, or on the other Side of the River.

P. S. A Report is juſt ſpread that Prince Charles has found Means to throw two Bridges over the Rhine, and finiſh them too.

Strasbourg, Aug. 15. The Princes of Conti and Dombes, who paſs'd a few Days in this City, ſet out Yeſterday for the Army, which marches along the Rhine in order to watch the Motions of Prince Charles. We plainly deſcried from our Steeples the Auſtrian Army while it lay at Offenburgh and Wildſtaten. It is currently reported here, that the Auſtrians will attempt to paſs the Rhine between Old Briſach and Hunninguen; but ſuppoſing they ſhould ſucceed, it is ſtill a doubtful Queſtion, whether they can maintain their Ground in the French Territories, where the Towns are not only very ſtrong, but well provided with Neceſſaries for Sieges? It is

reckon'd that there are upwards of 100,000 Men in the Upper and Lower Alſace, who can aſſemble in a very ſhort Time, and hinder the Enemy from penetrating into the Country after they have got over the Rhine.

Donawert, Aug. 16. The Auſtrians have not yet open'd the Trenches before Ingolſtadt, and we are aſſur'd that General Berenclau has conſented to let an Officer of the Garriſon go to Paris, to receive the ultimate Orders of the French Court concerning the Defence or Reddition of that Place.

Worms, Aug. 16. The French Troops have again forſaken the Neighbourhood of Spire: The 13th Inſtant they began their March towards Landau, from whence ſeveral Detachments have been ſent towards Weiſſenburg and Haguenau: All the General Officers are likewiſe gone to Landau, whither the Artillery, Ammunition and Baggage have alſo been tranſported.

Francfort, Aug. 19. None but the Auſtrians have as yet paſs'd the Rhine; they encamp near Monbach within a ſmall Diſtance of Mentz. The Britiſh, Hanoverian and Heſſian Troops ſtill remain in the ſame Camp on this Side of the River; we don't yet know when they will paſs it: Some think it will not be 'till after the Arrival of the Dutch Auxiliaries, i. e. towards the End of this Month, or the Beginning of next; but others pretend, and probably upon better Grounds, that they will croſs the Rhine as ſoon as his Britannick Majeſty receives Advice of Prince Charles's paſſing it.

Hanau, Aug. 18. Prince William of Heſſe, our Sovereign, having cauſed a great Number of white Mulberry Trees to be planted here in order to breed Silk Worms, this Project has all the Succeſs that can be deſir'd, the Silk which has been produced by it being as fine as that which comes from Italy. The Conveniency of Stoves made Uſe of to protect the Worms from the Rigour of the Cold will render the Breeding of them practicable all over Germany.

Bruſſel, Aug. 15. By the laſt Letters from Flanders we have receiv'd the following Particulars relating to the Works carrying on at *Dunkirk*.

'At the Eaſt End of the Port they are enlarging one of the three Batteries rais'd in the Year 1740, which have a Communication together by a wooden Bridge; two of theſe Batteries are of ten Pieces each, and the other of fifteen; all 24 Pounders. They have rais'd a new Battery, between thoſe three and the Downs, in the Middle of the Strand, which has a Communication with them; this new Battery commands the whole Strand, which is cover'd with Chevaux de Frieſe. The Lines or Intrenchments made laſt Year are guarded by Detachments of the Garriſon; but as theſe Lines are about half a League diſtant from the Town, and that being once forced, that Side would be left quite Defenceleſs; they are making another Line, with a very broad advanced Foſſe or Ditch before it, cloſe by the lower Town: This Line begins at the Canal of Bergue, from whence it is carry'd on to the Canal of Furnes, and then by the Glacis within 100 Paces of the Cazernes, ending at the Downs near the new Battery at the Eaſt End of the Port. Three thouſand Men are employ'd on this Work alone, and they go on ſo vigorouſly, that it's reckon'd they will finiſh it before the End of this Month. The Whole is to be planted with Cannon.

From the Paris Gazette-la-main, Auguſt 21.

Letters from Grenoble of the 9th Inſtant ſay, that 32 Battalions, which are to join the Infant Don Philip, are actually aſſembled at Fort Barreaux, and will forthwith continue their March.

We hear from Hunninguen, that the Marqueſs de la Ravoye, who was ſent to Swiſſerland to deſire the Cantons, in the King's Name, to oppoſe the Paſſage of the Auſtrians through their Territories, has ſucceeded in his Commiſſion; and that the States of Baden, Baſil, and others, had ſent Deputies to Prince Charles of Lorrain, to let him know, that the Helvetick Body being reſolv'd to remain neuter, would ſuffer no Troops to paſs through their Territories; that their own Troops were ready to oppoſe any Violence that might be offer'd, and that Signals (Beacons) were already ſet up in all proper Places for this Purpoſe.

They write from Spire, that upon the News of the Allies paſſing the Rhine, Marſhal Noailles was preparing to go and viſit all the ſtrong Towns in the Upper and Lower Alſace. It being reported that Prince Charles intends to lay Siege to Landau, they work Night and Day on the old Intrenchments there, and are likewiſe making new Lines in that Neighbourhood. The Count de Saxe is ſtill on the Upper Rhine, very buſy in keeping the Huſſars and Pandoures from croſſing the River.

We are ſtill aſſur'd that Marſhal Noailles will come back to Verſailles and take his Place again in the Council, where he is judg'd more uſeful than in the Field.

IRELAND.

Clonmell, Aug. 1. Laſt Wedneſday died, at Caſtletown in the County of Limerick, Terence Magrath, of Redmonſtown in the County of Tipperary, Gent. and one of the Attornies of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer.

Londonderry, Aug. 5. On Monday laſt Mr. Hugh Sloan, a very ingenious Face-Painter belonging to this City, was drown'd as he was croſſing the Ferry, in attempting to reach his Hat, which was blown off.

Dublin, Aug. 9. Yeſterday a Proclamation was publiſh'd, by Order of their Excellencies the Lord Juſtices of Ireland, for proroguing the Parliament from the 23d Inſtant to the 4th of October next, then to ſit for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs.

We hear that the Rev. Nicholas Synge is appointed Archdeacon of Dublin, and Miniſter of St. Peter's Church, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Whittingham, deceas'd.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, Aug. 13. We hear that laſt Wedneſday Night a Girl of about 16 Years of Age was deliver'd of a Baſtard Child in Dundery Church-yard, near this City; but a Woman who aſſiſted her in her Delivery (in order to keep it conceal'd) daſh'd its Brains out againſt the Church, and flung it among ſome Nettles.

The Batchelor Brigantine, from South Charolina, informs us, that a Veſſel had lain off there and made a Signal for Aſſiſtance; that there was only a Man of War on the Coaſt, who ſent her Barge, mann'd, to aſſiſt her, which ſhe carry'd off.

Extract of a Letter from on board the Tygris Indiaman, in the Channel, near Spithead, Aug. 2.

'On the 29th of May laſt we ſpoke with the 'Swan Snow of this Port, Capt. Sinclair, from the 'Bite, bound for Jamaica, who had 348 fine healthy 'Slaves on board; and had only buried two from 'the Coaſt.——Our Commodore (in the Liverpool, Capt. Swanton) gave Chace to her in the 'Morning, came up with her about 12 o'Clock, fir'd 'to bring her to, which ſhe refuſ'd, and return'd 'the Shot; fir'd ſeveral more, which ſhe return'd: 'Then the Commodore imagining her to be a Spaniard, notwithſtanding her Engliſh Colours, pre-'par'd to ſink her, which was happily prevented by 'an Accident that happen'd to two of the Commo-'dore's Men, who in re-loading a Gun without 'Spunging, were much burnt, and both died in leſs 'than a Fortnight. After Examination, the Cap-'tain of the Snow was clear'd, and the Chief Mate, 'one Dawſon, is brought home to be try'd.

LONDON.

We hear his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland is now much better, being able to walk with one Crutch.

An Order is ſent down from the Admiralty Office to Woolwich, Deptford, and other Yards, to forward the Building of all the Ships for his Majeſty's Uſe; agreeable to which Order an additional Number of Hands are employ'd, who are to work double Tides and Sundays.

A great Number of Horſes are already bought up for the Uſe of the Army, and are to be embark'd with all convenient Speed.

Newton Barton, Eſq; is promoted by his Majeſty to be an Exempt in the Third Troop of Guards, now in Germany; and John Bernard, Eſq; is promoted to the Rank of Brigadier-Major.

Major-General Frampton, who arriv'd on Saturday from the Army in Germany, ſets out ſoon for Minorca, to take upon him the Command of his Regiment there, late General Biſſett's.

We hear that the Managers and Directors of the preſent Lottery, at their laſt Meeting, fix'd the Drawing of the ſame to begin the 21ſt of November next.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight —— Brightman, of St. Alban's, Eſq; was married at St. Katherine's by the Tower, to Miſs Bodicoate, Daughter of Mr. Bodicoate, an eminent Hambourg Merchant, a fine young Lady, with a Fortune of 20,000 l.

On Sunday laſt Mr. Joſeph Brook, lately arriv'd from Italy, was married at Clerkenwell Church to Miſs Powell, Daughter of Mr. Powell, an eminent Glover near Turn-Stile, Holbourn, an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 3000 l.

The ſame Day Mr. Wood, an eminent Throwſter in Brick-Lane, Spital-fields, was married at Chriſt-Church, in the ſaid Pariſh, to Miſs Frances Collier of Stepney, an agreeable young Lady with a large Fortune.

Private Letters by the Dutch Mail advice, that Roger Price, Eſq; a Gentleman of a large Eſtate in Wales, died at Bruſſels the 10th Inſtant. His Eſtate devolves to his Brother, a Student at Oxford.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight died, in Stafford-Street, St. James's, Sir Mordaunt Lawſon, Bart. a Youth of about Ten Years of Age; only Son of Sir Wilfred Lawſon, of Iſell in Cumberland, Bart. by whoſe Death the Title is extinct: He ſucceeded his Brother, Sir Wilfred, who died at Kenſington in May, 1739, in his ſeventh Year.

Laſt Week died of an Apopleſtick Fit, the Rev. Mr. John Iſaac, Rector of Whitwell and Aſhwell in the County of Rutland, and Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Earl of Gainſborough; the former of which Livings is in the Gift of his Lordſhip, and the latter in that of William Burton, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of Excife.

A few Days ſince died, at Goadby in the County of Leiceſter, the Rev. Francis Peck, M. A. a Gentleman well vers'd in Antiquary.

A few Days ſince died at Edinburgh, Mr. James Craig, of Dalnait, Writer to the Signet.

Tueſday died at his Lodgings at Stockwell, Michael Grafton, Eſq; who ſerv'd the Office of High

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Laſt Saturday died at Mr. Boothby's, a Packer in Nicholas-lane, Mr. Berkinholt, an eminent Portugal Merchant, who, about ſix Weeks ago, broke his Leg by his Foot ſlipping as he got off his Horſe.

On Sunday Morning died, at her Houſe in Eſſex-ſtreet, the Lady Northey, Relict of Sir Edward Northey, Knt. late Attorney-General. She was Siſter to Sir William Jolliffe, Knt.

Thurſday ſe'nnight five of the King's Scholars at Weſtminſter hired a Hackney Coach, and were carried to the Place appointed, where they refuſ'd to pay the Man his Fare, who made no Diſpute with them; but having been Coachman to the late Dr. Atterbury, when Biſhop of Rocheſter, had by that Means ſome Knowledge of Dr. Nichols, their Maſter, to whom he apply'd, and was promis'd Redreſs; which the Scholars hearing, were ſo irritated that they went to the Fellow and beat him in ſo violent a Manner that he is ſince dead.

Laſt Saturday Mr. Clarke, a Shoemaker, immediately after his Return from hearing Mr. Wesley preach at the Foundery, near Moorfields, went home to his Lodgings in Nettleton-Court, Aldersgate-Street, and hang'd himſelf.

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Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Highlanders in the Tower were drawn out on the Parade there, and draughted off to the following Places, viz. the Leeward Iſlands, Jamaica, New-England, Georgia, Gibraltar, and Port-Mahon, whither they will be ſent by the firſt Ships that ſail to thoſe Places.

On Saturday last two Men ſtood in the Pillory at Notwich for falſe Polling; one Decarle, for voting and not being a Freeman; and one Jooſon, for voting and not being ſix Calendar Months in the Ward.

Laſt Saturday Joſeph Millet, (Brother to Thomas Millet, now under Sentence of Death in the New-Gaol, Southwark,) and Edmund Southwell, were committed to the ſaid Priſon, by John Copeland, Eſq; on the Oath of William Durnam, an Accomplice, for breaking open the Houſe of Dr. Allwright, in Lambeth-Marſh, and robbing it of Linnen, &c. to a great Value. As was Suſannah Leigh, who keeps the Dolphin Alehouſe in Fiſhmonger-Alley, for receiving Plate and Linnen from the aboveſaid Perſons, knowing them to be ſtolen. There are eighteen concerned in the Gang, and Warrants are iſſued out for apprehending them.

A Reprieve, for Tranſportation, is come to the New Gaol for William Aſhman and Thomas Whiting, condemn'd at Kingſton Aſſizes, the former for ſtealing ſome Linnen out of a Warehouſe at Cox's-Key, and the latter for being concern'd in breaking open the Houſe of Sir John Ellwill, Bart. And

Laſt Monday Night a Reprieve came to the New-Gaol in Southwark, for John Beauchamp and Thomas Millett, who receiv'd Sentence of Death for breaking open and robbing the Houſe of Sir John Ellwill, of Egham in Surrey, Bart. and they are both to be tranſported for Life.

We hear James Day and Anne Hazard will be hang'd near the End of New-Alley by St. George's Church, Southwark, for the Murder of Mr. Powell, whom they threw out of a Window in the ſaid Alley.

On Sunday Night as a Servant of the Counteſs Dowager of Strafford was returning Home from Chelſea, he was attack'd by two Foot Pads maſk'd, who rob'd him of Three Guineas and a Silver laced Hat; they beat him in a barbarous Manner. In the Scuffle one of their Maſks fell off, which he brought away with him.

They write from St. Kitt's, that two Privateers have taken and carried in there a French Ship bound for Old Spain, which is ſaid to be ſo rich, that each Sailor is offer'd 250 Piſtoles for his Share.

From the London Gazette.

At the Council Chamber Whitehall, the 11th Day of Auguſt, 1743. PRESENT,

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Whitehall, Aug. 13. The King has been pleas'd to conſtitute and appoint Major General Hulke to be Colonel of his Majeſty's own Royal Regiment of Welſh Fuzileers, in the room of Newſham Peers, Eſq; deceas'd.

Admiralty Office, Aug. 11. In purſuance of his Majeſty's Pleaſure, the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have made the following Promotion of Flag Officers to fill up the Vacancies occaſion'd by the Death of the Right Hon. Sir Charles Wager, Admiral of the White, and of Phi-lip Cavendiſh, Eſq; Admiral of the Blue.

BANKRUPT.

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